



Research Lodge of Oregon No. 198

October

2018

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Brethren All,

As we roll into October and the last quarter of the year, our minds should begin to focus upon what 2019 will bring to Research Lodge of Oregon No. 198. Throughout the past several years, we have been blessed with much that has aided in our lodge's regrowth: generous donations from members and the families of our deceased Brethren, a number of incredibly knowledgeable and giving affiliates and visitors, and of course the foundation of long-term members who have kept the spirit and dignity of the lodge afloat through thick and thin. I would like to personally thank everyone who has made this year an enlightening and robust year, through brotherhood as well as participation.

For as long as I can remember, October has been my favorite month of the year – and for many reasons. In a purely material sense, I can finally begin wearing my flannel and tweed suits again. Browns, flaming reds, and golds of our autumnal wardrobes nod to food, foliage and the sunsets about us. The year's-end holidays are on one's mind, and the literal and figurative hues in our environment slowly meld into something akin to melancholy. And just like the repeated parable of our Degree lectures, the world enters a sort of twilight and decline that, to the learned man, is not to be feared or bemoaned, but seen simply as the closing stage of an infinite cycle.

Late harvests, Halloween, the Day of the Dead, and a number of other events that have evolved from time immemorial leverage and celebrate the beauty of the year's setting days, the inevitability of decline, and – most importantly – the certainty of something beyond the life we know and to which we so helplessly cling.

I would, of course, be remiss not to mention the most fabled Masonic connection to the month of October – that of the arrest and execution of Grand Master Jacques de Molay, and the Knights Templar, on the morning of Friday, October 13, 1307. The Order of the Knights Templar traced their lineage back to the First Crusade. The history and fascination about who they were and their military prowess, wealth and ultimate demise has been a never-ending source legend in both books and film.

After the initial Crusade to take the city of Jerusalem back from the Muslims in 1099, this caused many religious pilgrims from Europe to visit the Holy Land and the religious sites set down in the Bible. But to get thru to Jerusalem, these

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Europeans had to cross thru Muslim held lands and many of them were robbed and murdered.

A French knight, Hugues de Payens created an order that consisted of himself and eight other knights which became known as the Pauperes commilitones Christi Templique Solomonici – the Poor Fellow-Soldiers of Christ and of the Temple of Solomon. This eventually became shortened to the Knights Templar. These knights were related to Payens either by blood or marriage and their mission was to protect the pilgrims traveling to the Holy Land.

They approached King Baldwin II in Jerusalem and he allowed them to set up their headquarters in Temple Mount. The Dome of the Rock became a Christian Church and the al Aqsa Mosque located atop of what was believed to be Solomon's Temple, is where the Templars were located. The order received a formal endorsement by the Catholic Church in 1129 and in 1139, their status was bolstered even further when Pope Innocent II issued a Papal Bull that allowed the Knights Templar special rights. Among them, the Templars were exempt from paying taxes, permitted to build their own oratories, and answered to no one save the Pope himself.

Members swore an oath of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Templars didn't drink, gamble or swear. They were devout Christians who spent much of their time in prayer. They adopted a simple white tunic that was adorned by a red cross which became their signature hallmark. Their influence quickly grew as they set up banks, built fleets of ships and controlled the island of Cypress. Their banking system was ingenious as pilgrims could deposit funds in their home countries and withdraw funds in the Holy Land.

In 1291, the Templars lost their last stronghold in the Holy Land – ultimately leading to their demise. In 1303, the Templars had set up their headquarters in Paris. They were an order who had lost their purpose but still controlled enormous wealth. This unstable environment set up a power play by King Philip IV. Philip's kingdom was deeply in debt to the Templars and he feared their power. After the Templar banks denied Philip another loan he moved against them. On the morning of Friday, October 13, 1307, Philip had scores of the Templars arrested in France including the order's Grand Master Jacques de Molay. Many were sent to the Tower of Chinon where they were brutally tortured until they confessed to false charges, which included heresy, homosexuality, financial corruption, devil worshipping, fraud, spitting on the cross and more.

Despite the absence of any evidence other than what was coerced by torture by Philip, the Pope, Clement V issued an edict dissolving the order under enormous pressure by Philip. Jacques de Molay was executed in 1314.

It as an honor to serve you, Brethren!

*Fraternally,
Adam Bayer Worshipful Master*



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*New Masonic Blog
Created by
RW Reverend Gene Hill*

*Designed to aid Masters, Wardens, Officers going to the East, Lectures,
and those with an interest in Masonic History and Masonic Subjects*

Calendar / Upcoming Events

Monthly Stated Meeting starts promptly at 11 Am on the third Saturday of every month.

Research Lodge of Oregon #198 meet at the Portland Scottish Rite Building.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 13, 2018
Esoterism in Freemasonry Conference
Seattle Washington

October 20, 2018 **STATED MEETING 1100AM**
PROGRAM:
Willamette #2 "The Mystery Stone".
Johnny J. Edwards

October 24th, 2018
Tigard-Orenomah Lodge No. 207
German Festive Board
Social hour, 6:00pm, dinner at 7:00pm
13680 SW Pacific Hwy
Tigard, Oregon 97223-4834



After lodge, it is our normal custom to have light repast with excellent Masonic fellowship and conversation.



Last year's conference was enjoyable and enlightening. Please consider attending.

WORSHIPFUL BROTHER DICK TOOLEY'S

Northwest Masonic History

We are very lucky to have two inserts from WB Tooley's hard work.

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George Washington Degree's

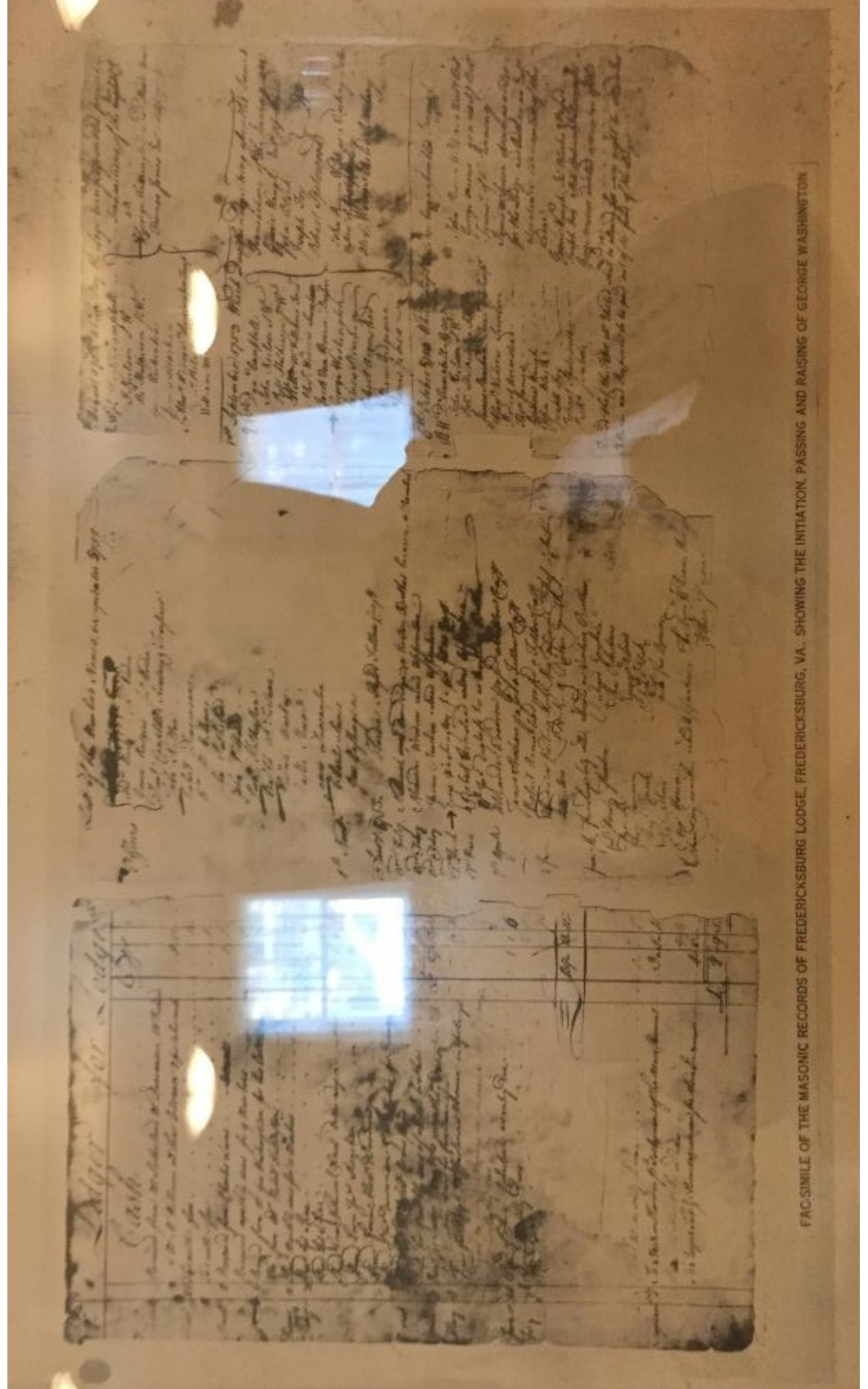
The below are photographs of the Degree's of our Founding Father George Washington. I have tried so many times to find better copies with no luck. I have called such places as the George Washington Papers Organization, Mt. Vernon and many other places with no luck.

If you would like to take on the search for a better copy as Rocky said, "Go for It!"

My apologies for the glare on the photographs. They are in a frame and very likely stuck in places to the inside of the glass.

Source: Tuality # 6 Hillsboro Oregon





FACSIMILE OF THE MASONIC RECORDS OF FREDERICKSBURG LODGE, FREDERICKSBURG, VA. SHOWING THE INITIATION, PASSING AND RAISING OF GEORGE WASHINGTON



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August 5th 1753 Which Day the Lodge being assembled present
 Wp: Daniel Campbell
 John Nelson J.W.
 Robt. Halbertson J.W.
 George Washington
 James Strachan
 Alex. Watson Secretary pro Temp.
 Robert Robertson
 William M. Williams Treas.
 Transactions of the evening
 are
 George Washington & Robt. Halbertson
 Thomas James Ent. & Wp.

1st September 1753 Which Day the Lodge being assembled present
 R.W. Dan. Campbell
 John Nelson J.W.
 Robt. Halbertson J.W.
 Alex. Watson Treas.
 Alex. Watson Secretary
 Jacob Van Buren Draper
 George Washington
 James Strachan
 Robert Robertson
 William M. Williams
 Thomas James
 Transactions of the evening are
 George Naugh Ent. & Wp.
 John Black
 Joseph Fox
 Robert Spotswood
 John Penson Wp. as a visiting Brother
 Alex. Watson called Secretary

6th October 1753 Which Day the Lodge being assembled present
 R.W. D. Campbell, Grand
 John Nelson J.W.
 Robt. Halbertson J.W.
 James Strachan Treas. pro Temp.
 Alex. Watson Secretary
 Robert Robertson
 Thomas James
 George Naugh
 John Black
 Joseph Fox
 Robert Spotswood
 Robt. James
 John Penson Wp. as a Visit & Bro.
 George Mercer as a Visit & Bro.
 Trans. of the evening
 James M. Johnson chosen as a Tiler
 for the Lodge, and as a member of the
 Lodge
 George Naugh, Ent. Black & Paper
 Joseph Fox & Robt. Spotswood
 George Mercer admitted a member of the
 Lodge
 It is that the Tiler ab. elected shall be allowed for every night he attends
 & wages and expenses to be paid out of the fund of the Lodge